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OLYMPIANA. Under this title, in the Knickerbocker, is published much excellent Miscellany, some times, however, an article of a graver tone appears—of which the following eloquent verse, from the last number, affords a specimen.

Ask of the ocean-waves that burst
In music on the strand—
Whose murmurs lead the scented breeze
That fans the summer land:
Why is their harmony abroad—
Their cadence in the sky,
That glitters with the smiles of God
In mystery on high?

Question the cat's paw's hollow tide,
Down stooping from above—
Why its proud billows, far and wide
In stormy thunders move?

It is that in their hollow voice
A tone of praise is given,
Which hides the fainting heart rejoice,
And trust the secret of Heaven?

And ask the tribes whose matin song
Melts on the dewy air,
Why, like a stream that steals along,
Flow forth their praises there?

Why, when the veil of Eve comes down,
With all its story hours,
The night-bird's melancholy 'lav
Rings from her solemn bowers?

It is some might of love within,
Some impulse from on high,
That bids their matin-song begin—
Or fills the evening sky

With gentle echoes all its own—
With sounds, that on the ear
Fall like the voice of kindred gone,
Cut off in Youth's career!

Ask of the gales that sweep abroad,
When sunset's fiery wall
Is crowned with many a painted cloud—
A gorgeous coronal—

Ask why their wings are trembling then
N'er Nature's sounding lyre
While the fair accident bills
Are bathed in golden fire?

Oh! shall the wide world raise the song
Of peace, and joy, and love,
And shall man's heart not bid his tongue
In voiceless praises move?

Shall the old forest and the wave,
When summer'd by the breeze,
Yield a sweet flow of solemn praise,
And man have less than these?

From the Oriental Annual.

A MAN AND TIGER COMBAT.

The next scene was of a far more awful character. A man entered the arena armed only with a Coorg knife, and clothed in short trousers, which barely covered his hips, and extended half way down the thighs. The instrument which he wielded in his right hand was a heavy blade, something like the couler of a plough, about two feet long and full three inches wide, gradually diminishing towards the handle, with which it formed a right angle. This knife is used with great dexterity by the Coorgs; being swung round in the hand before the blow is inflicted, and then brought into contact with the object intended to be struck with a force and effect truly astounding.

The champion who now presented himself before the rajah was about to be opposed to a tiger, which he volunteered to encounter almost naked, and armed only with the weapon I have just described. He was rather tall, with a slight figure, but his chest, was deep, his arms long and muscular. His legs were thin, yet the action of the muscles were perceptible with every movement; whilst the freedom of his gait and the low contortions he performed, preparatory to the hazardous enterprise with which he was about to engage, showed that he possessed uncommon activity, combined no ordinary degree of strength. The expression of his countenance was absolutely sublime when he gave the signal for the tiger to be let loose; it was the very concentration of moral energy, the index of a high and settled resolution. His body glistened with the oil which had been rubbed over it in order to promote the elasticity of his limbs. He raised his arms for several moments above his head when he made the motion to admit his enemy into the arena. The bars of a large cage were instantly lifted from above; a huge royal tiger sprang forward and stood before the Coorg, waving his tail slowly backward and forward, erecting the hair upon it, and uttering a suppressed howl. The animal looked at the man, then at the gallery where the rajah and court were seated to see the sports, but did not appear at all in its present state of freedom; it was evidently confounded at the novelty of its position. After a short survey, it turned suddenly round and bounded into its cage; from which the keeper who stood above, beyond the reach of mischief, tried to force it but in vain. The bars were then dropped, and several crackers fastened to his tail, which projected through one of the intervals.

A lighted match was put into the hand of the Coorg, the bars were again raised, and the crackers ignited. The tiger now darted into the arena with a terrible yell; and while the crackers were exploding, it leaped, turned, and writhed, as if in a state of frantic excitement. At length crouched in a corner, snarling as a cat does when alarmed. Meanwhile its retreat had been cut off by securing the cage. During the explosions of the crackers, the Coorg stood watching his enemy, and at length advanced towards it with a slow but firm step. The tiger roused itself and retreated, the fur on its back being erect, and its tail apparently dilated to twice the usual size. It was not at all disposed to commence hostilities, but its resolution was not to be evaded. Fixing his eyes intently upon the deadly creature, he advanced with the same measured step, the tiger retreating as before, but still presenting his front to its enemy. The Coorg now stopped suddenly; then moving slowly backward the tiger raised itself to its full height, curved its back to the necessary segment for a spring, and lashed his tail, evidently meditating mischief. The man continued to retire; and so soon as he was at so great a distance that the fixed expression of his eye was no longer distinguishable, the ferocious brute made a sudden bound forward, crouched, and sprung with a short, sharp growl. Its adversary, fully prepared for this, leaped actively on one side, and as the tiger reached the ground, swung round his heavy knife, and brought it with irresistible force upon the animal's hind leg, just above the joint. The bone was instantly severed, and the tiger effectually prevented from making a second spring. The wounded beast roared; but turning suddenly upon the Coorg, who had by this time retired several yards, advanced fiercely upon him, his wounded leg hanging loose in the skin, showing that it was broken. The tiger, now excited to a pitch of reckless rage, rushed forward upon its three legs towards its adversary, who stood with his heavy knife upraised, calmly awaiting the encounter. As soon as the savage creature was within his reach, he brought down the ponderous weapon upon his head, with a force which nothing could resist, laid open the skull from ear to ear, and the vanquished foe fell dead at his feet. He then coolly wiped the knife on the animal's hide, made a dignified salutation to the rajah, and retired amid the loud acclamations of the spectators.

ANECDOTE OF LATIMER. The following anecdote was related by the Rev. H. Stowell, in an address before the Irish Society of London, at its late anniversary:

It was related of Latimer, that when he once preached before that tyrant, Henry the Eighth, he took a plain straight-forward text, and in his sermon attacked those very sins for which the monarch was notorious; and he was stung to the quick, for truth always finds a response in the worst man's conscience. He would not bend beneath the authority of his God, and he therefore sent for Latimer, and said—
"Your life is in jeopardy if you do not recant all you have said to day when you preach next Sunday."

The courtiers were all anxious to know the consequence of this, and the chapel was crowded. The venerable man took his text, and after a pause, began with a soliloquy, thus:

"Now, Hugh Latimer, bethink thee, thou art in the presence of thy earthly monarch; thy life is in his hands, and if thou dost not suit thyself to his fancies he will bring down thy gray hairs with blood to the grave; but, Hugh Latimer, bethink thee, thou art in the presence of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who hath told thee, 'Fear not them that kill the body, and they can do no more; but rather fear him who can kill both body and soul, and cast thee into hell forever!' Yea, I say, Hugh Latimer, fear him."

He then went on and not only repeated what he had before advanced, but, if possible, enforced it with greater emphasis. What was the consequence? Henry sent for him and said, "How durst thou insult thy monarch so?" Latimer replied, "I thought if I were unfaithful to my God it would be impossible to be loyal to my king." The king embraced the good old Bishop, exclaiming, "And is there yet one man left who is bold and honest enough to tell me the truth?"

BEAUTIES OF JUDGE LAW.

The petition of Mr. Snelling to the Legislature for redress of what he considers the illegal proceedings of Peter O. Thatcher, Judge of Municipal Court of Boston, exposes the peculiar beauties of our Judicial system, and the great reverence for law, (Judge law) which the Bench entertain in a strong point of view. It appears from Mr. Snelling's statement, that he was drawn a jurymen, upon the Grand Jury, and was elected by the jurymen foreman of that jury; and that Judge Thatcher ordered him to be struck from the jury list, and would not permit him to serve as a jurymen. The pretence under which this outrage was perpetrated, was that Mr. Snelling had been convicted of one or more libels, which the Judge considered a scandalous crime, and that when a man shall have been convicted of any scandalous crime it shall be the duty of the Selectmen to withdraw the

name of such person from the jury box.

Let us examine the effects of this Judge law. In the first place, there is no such crime known to our law as that of libel. The constitution forbids it—the statute law does not recognize it—it has never been introduced here by the English Common law—the courts which enforce almost every absurd opinion of an English Judge as a good, yankee law, do not enforce the English common law libel law—their libel law is of their own make, spun upon the bench for the occasion, as they spun the rope with which to hang the Knapps, at Salem, a few years ago. It was under such a law, that is no law at all, but simply under usurpation, that Mr. Snelling was convicted of what Judge Thatcher was pleased to consider a scandalous crime. It had been a legal conviction, what right did it give to Judge Thatcher to drive Mr. Snelling from the Jury box? The statute says "That if any person whose name shall be in either of the boxes aforesaid, (grand and petit jury boxes) shall be convicted of any scandalous crime, or be guilty of any gross immorality, his name shall be withdrawn from the box, by the selectmen." The law constitutes the selectmen of the towns, and by a subsequent statute the Mayor and Aldermen of the city, the judges of what is a scandalous crime, or a gross immorality, and not Judge Thatcher. If these officers should even willfully omit to do their duty in withdrawing such names, that circumstance would not authorize Judge Thatcher to perform it for them.—The law prescribes the remedy for such an omission, or it is a case without remedy.

The office of jurymen is constituted by law; it is an important office, and a jury, when empanelled and sworn, have the right, and it is their duty, to elect a foreman by ballot, "and to notify the court, by the officer who shall be appointed to attend them, of the person who shall have been thus elected, and who shall be thereupon foreman of the jury for the then existing term, and as such be received by the clerk."

The office of foreman of the Grand Jury, is an important and influential post, and no man ought to be deprived of it when it is, except by due course of law. It has long been the object of the Bench to destroy the whole system of Juries, and to subject the administration of the law to the arbitrary will of Judges. In England—and England is the model, the *beau ideal* of perfection in the eye of our judiciary—juries are packed, that is, this and that individual are selected to make up a jury, and the selection, when the court wish it, is made from those who will give such a verdict as the court desires.—If Judge Thatcher had a right to strike Mr. Snelling's name from the list for the reason assigned, he had the same right to strike the name of every other man from the list, on the pretence that they were immoral, and thus form a packed jury. The truth is, that there was no law to convict Snelling of a libel—there is no such crime; and if there had been, Judge Thatcher had no right, in consequence, nor had he any right at all, to deprive Mr. Snelling of the office to which he had been legally elected.

We have long been of opinion that the judiciary was the most rotten and corrupt of any branch of our government. As it is constituted, the Judges holding their office, in effect, for life, it is an exercise upon our republican system. The people will before long come to the same conclusion, and appoint judges for short periods, holding them to the like responsibilities that are required from all other officers.—[Boston Post.

From the Eastern Argus.

BANKS AND BANKING.

In my previous communication I alluded to some of the most prominent objections to the increase of Banks reported by the committee in the Senate. It is the tendency of this *Bank mania* throughout the country to expell a specie currency, and bring back the denomination of a National Bank. Let the States legislate as they may in favor of a specie currency, it will be worse than idle, so long as they continue to incorporate Banks to deluge the community with paper money. It is idle to say, that the increase of Banks will have no effect on the demand for Bank accommodations, and, that Banking as at present conducted, is a business that will regulate itself. Experience tells a different story. Where money can be easily had it will be obtained, and the Banks will continue to loan as long as they can upon good security. The effect is to give at once a new spring to enterprise and business; but it is too often an unsound—speculative business, an overtrading perhaps, by which many a merchant is ruined, and the community in the end, severely suffers. The whole army of Banks throughout the country, will resort to every means to crowd their bills into circulation, and discount liberally not in aid of sound and regular industry, but too often hold out encouragement to speculations and wild projects, which induce a seeming but delusive prosperity, to end in disappointment, bankruptcy, and the thousand evils of a depreciated currency. It would be much safer to say that Banks increase the demand for money, and that as the healthy wants of business are regulated by other laws than the mere facility of obtaining Bank accommodations, the increase is productive of any thing but good to the community at large.

But how it is asked, can the multiplications

of Banks affect a specie currency, limited as they will be to a circulation above the denomination of five or ten dollars? I answer, it is the interest of Banks to supply the demand for small sums with their own bills, and by multiplying Banks—this interest is rendered more efficient, armed with corporate powers, located in every dook and corner of the State. They are as effectually combined by this tie, as if they were the many hands of a single money Brute whose perpetual efforts is to engross the circulation, and whose profits are diminished just in proportion to the prohibition of their bills for the introduction of a specie currency. These corporations will be represented in the Legislature and move in solid phalanx against a specie currency. They will repeal, if possible, whatever restrictions stand in the way of their individual interests, and the law restraining the emission of small bills will fall the first victim. The present condition of Massachusetts, corporation ridden Massachusetts, is a standing beacon against this kind of special legislation.

It would seem as if the opponents of the U. S. Bank were resolved on fulfilling its predictions. One of its chief excellencies (as its friends say) was its tendency to check the State Banks, and to restrain their issues within safe bounds, and that its suspension would be followed by such an expansion of the paper system as to insure its re-establishment as the only corrective of the evils of a profuse and depreciated paper currency. What do we now see? Why a multiplication of Banks—and an expansion of the paper and credit system—such as not even the most sanguine friend of the U. S. Bank would have dared to predict two years ago. The U. S. Bank of \$35,000,000 is to be retained in Pennsylvania—one of several millions has been characterized in Tennessee, Illinois, in Alabama—others of several millions are proposed in New York—Boston—and in our own State, throwing the Bank of \$8,000,000 out of the question, it is proposed to double the existing Bank capital, and create 26 new Banks. The inevitable result of this system, thus pressed to extremes, is obvious enough.—It will furnish the Bank, when the evils of this course press most severely upon us—with a pretext for another panic, and another appeal to Congress for a recharter. Many will see no escape from the evils of the system, but in the agency of a national institution, operating as a check upon the irregularities of the paper system. The friends of the Bank no doubt rejoice at this sign of its returning power, but it is madness indeed for the democracy to furnish the Bank or its friends, with any hope of its ultimate re-establishment.

If the course recommended by the Report be adopted by the Legislature, it is obvious some additional restrictions ought to be imposed on these corporations. First—have any of the existing Banks violated their charters? If so let the cases be exposed and the offending corporations suffer the penalty. If Banking privileges are to be bestowed by special legislation, let them be given to those only who will comply with the conditions on which they are bestowed. Second—compel the Banks, to redeem their bills at their own counters and break up the arrangement with the Banks of Massachusetts, by which they relieve themselves their returning circulation. Instead of being specie paying Banks, our whole system is purely a paper system, combined for the sole object of dispensing with specie. The question is not now, whether a Bank redeems its bills in specie, but whether they are at par at the counter of the Suffolk Bank in Boston! Third—let a certain per centum of the capital in specie be always retained in the Bank. Fourth—let the property of the stockholders be pledged to its full value for the ultimate redemption of the liabilities of the Bank. Fifth—the law requiring 50 per cent. of the capital to be paid in specie, *bona fide*, for the use of the Bank, is a wholesome provision, but extremely liable to be evaded. No Bank ought to go into operation without complying substantially with this requisition. The Banks will have no cause of complaint, and the public will be better satisfied, should they be required to comply with this condition, and the certificate of the amount and oath of the directors, made on the same day by commissioners appointed by the Governor and Council. If the 26 new Banks comply in good faith, with the law, this process will satisfy us that on that day, at least, there were \$1,500,000 in gold and silver in our State wherewith to supply in part the vacuum created by the withdrawal of small bills. It is said to be almost impossible to obtain specie enough to pay the members of the Legislature. We will not inquire how it is possible for the stockholders of proposed Banks to procure a million and a half—but if they cannot comply with the law, they are clearly not entitled to the enjoyment of privileges granted only on that condition.

Mr. CLAY. After the President's Message to the Senate on the 22d, was read, Mr. Clay rose, and claimed all the honor of bringing the controversy with France to a happy adjustment! Every body knows that Clay has been endeavoring to keep this difficulty unsettled.—His report first suggested the idea of an 'apology' to France! When the treaty was first

submitted to the Senate for ratification, Clay was so chagrined at the success of Rives, that he moved to have an important clause struck out, no doubt, to defeat its ratification! Now, the 'Kentucky Bully,' (as Randolph used to call him,) claims all the credit! How striking the contrast between this malicious croaker and Gov. Everett, who said in one of his speeches last winter:

"If we work through the controversy with France, without a war, ANDREW JACKSON would call down upon his own head more glory and admiration than he received when he came fresh from the blazing lines of New Orleans." The Argus.

STENOGRAPHIC GLIMPSSES OF CONGRESS.

From the Boston Statesman.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, 1836.

Senate.—The resolution of Mr. King, of Alabama, assigning one third of the Ladies' Gallery exclusively to the ladies passed yesterday; to-day their own dower in the premises was set off by metres and bounds, and they took possession. What a melancholy and lugubrious group—many were appropriately clad in mourning. There they sat, like statues, pale, silent, motionless, and wo-begone.

"How widow'd every thought of every joy!"

They looked like so many Shinnamites, bereft of their first born, without a ray of consolation from the presence of the prophet. They could not have looked more utter despair, if they had belonged to the most gay and polite nation in the world, in the palmist days of its glorious revolution, and were sitting on a scaffold, in the Place de Greve, awaiting their turn for the sublime honors of the guillotine! Mr. Buchanan turned his eyes up to them like a duck, and sunk back into his seat in despair.—Heaven itself would be a dull place for the ladies—alone; because they know how miserable they would make us of the masculine gender without their society. I don't think they thanked Mr. B. neither for his Turkish motion, assigning three ladies to each Senator on the floor, thus making them a three-tail ed Bashaw. Ladies are not very fond of taking their thirds in a gentleman's affections while he is living, but are satisfied with a third of his effects when dead. But this matter has been settled by the Senate, the "most dignified" body in the world; and the debate, first and last, has occupied only about three days, at an average expense of \$2,400 per diem—cheap as an old almanack!—As the subject is out of date, I dismiss it.

Col. Benton's resolutions were all passed unanimously, after being amended on Judge Grundy's motion by striking out "surplus." This, I attribute, not to patriotism, but to Mr. Webster's counsel; his counsel to the Ex-President's speech; and his speech to his powers and his patriotism—powers unequalled—patriotism unsurpassed!

In after days, They'll learn to love his fame, And many a deed shall wake in praise, That long hath slept in blame.

But of this—the subject of the resolutions, and the two distinguished men who are now at an apodosis—I shall have occasion to speak another time—whether I embrace it, is another affair. House.—After some business of a private nature was transacted, Col. Johnson's Bill, making provision for a body of mounted volunteers for the public service, underwent a discussion—and after some amendments, passed. I think highly of this mode of defence in emergencies, and am satisfied these volunteers are much more to be depended upon, than mercenaries. The military arm of our defence, I think, requires reorganization. When every citizen is considered a soldier, the duty of defending the country should not be left to mercenaries, who when they cease to be soldiers have not the qualification of citizens.

The New York Relief Bill next came up; and was supported ably by Mr. Storor, of O., Hunt, of N. Y., Lane and Read and C. Johnson; and opposed by Messrs. Hardin, Underwood and Wise—the latter, branching out into matters and things in general, as usual, and ending in an onset upon Mr. Cambreleg, who seems to be his favorite and special object of animosity, except when there is a question of order; and then, he lets his beer work upon the Chair. And this reminds me I ought to say something in its defence—but it is not now in order; when it is, I will take the taps.

Of the Relief Bill, I have perhaps already said more than was necessary; but I cannot help adding, that I hope the sufferers will be relieved by a constitutional mode; but I am not yet convinced the present is such; and I think the difficulty they have encountered, notwithstanding the array of talents and sympathies in their favor, are evidence of the just ground of my want of conviction. A plain case with such a strong inducement, would have been much more speedily and easily settled. But I will await the result—theugh I don't look for it speedily.

REIS EFFENDI.

WASHINGTON, Feb'y 22.

The BIRTHDAY OF WASHINGTON was appropriately celebrated by a Peace Message from the President of the United States to Congress, on the subject of the British Mediation, accompanied by official documents, communicated through the: Charge d'Affairs, Mr. Bank-

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by France, and notice of her readiness to execute the treaty; also the terms of acceptance on the part of our Government, which entirely excludes all apology. The Message justly appreciated the friendly magnanimity of the British Monarch, and congratulated our country on the fortunate issue of his Mediation.

Mr. Clay took this occasion, so propitious for calm reflection, to make a wistful and unprovoked attack upon the Vice President. I thought of the boy who bit his mother's ear at the gallows, pretending he wanted to whisper some consolation, but telling her if she had brought him up correctly he should not have come to that end. It is the beginning of the end with this thrice-dishonored candidate of the Presidency? One would conclude so from his desperate conduct. His silence, of late has been accounted wisdom; but it was only the nursing of his venom, and to-day he has voided it like the saliva of an expiring dragon.

No Senator deigned to answer or repel Mr. Clay's feeble but desperate assault upon Mr. Van Buren, knowing that

But what will the people of the country say to his foul slander uttered against the Government by saying that the President refused to receive the Duke de Broglie's letter, yet did receive it; and refused to apologize, making the terms dictated in that letter, the basis of the apology? And yet, with a consistency of corollary peculiar to himself, he ascribes the fortunate result of all to the Senate to the appropriation of the 'three millions'! This is really 'out-bragging' the braggart in fable, 'how we apples swim!'

Reis Effendi.

From the Eastern Argus.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

Senate. Mr. Walker of Mississippi, was qualified and took his seat yesterday; and Mr. Nicholas is on his way to Washington. The Va. Senator will be soon 'instructed' to leave the Capitol; but though they both agree in the theory of instruction, they differ in his practical illustration. Tyler will doubtless decamp; but the capillary Logician, per excellence, will probably pause, and split hairs, though he can't make one hair black or white. Hair-splitting, by the way, has made him quite bald! but he don't want for company in his misery—the wigs are all losing their hair. How much they resemble Samson in many particulars;—their strength laid in their wigs; and their weapons were jaw-bones! and now, alas, the Philistines are upon them!—After all, why can the Whigs, after serving the Bank, the Aristocracy, and the Piebald, so nobly, lament the prospect of their dignified retirement! Did not Washington and Jefferson go into retirement after serving their country?—Though I admit there is some slight difference between the departed, and the departing; but no slight difference in their services. Great men in retirement are indeed very different from would-be-great, in banishment. But let this pass. It is said, that the Legislature of Pa. will instruct their Senators; but it is hoped the people will instruct them; it they think to impose a new Mammoth Bank upon the country. One thing I can tell the people for their consolation, viz: there is a Select Committee appointed to report a Bill for coining new gold pieces of one, two and three dollar value. The Bills of all Banks will become dim, and their worthlessness apparent, before the potent charms of gold!—this is the true golden mean. Bribery and corruption may flourish as many Banks as they please; the Government will refuse to take their bills; and will be able to furnish the country with a hard money currency—a currency that won't tempt mail robbers, nor employ a horde of counterfeiters; nor enable one set of Bank shavers to depreciate the currency of smaller institutions. But I pass on.

Mr. Southard renewed, and repeated his argument this morning, to change the Rule of Senate relative to printing documents, when the same had been before ordered to be printed by the House. On motion of Mr. Linn, the subject was laid upon the table. There was no complaint made, whatever might have been the inconvenience, when the printers of both Houses happened to be Whigs. Circumstances alter cases! The Rule of the House, relative to documents first ordered by the Senate, is the same as that complained of by Mr. Southard; and their printer is paid for work done for the House.

Col. Benton made an able and elaborate speech on his Fortification Bill to-day, which will be read I hope, by every man in the country. It forms a treatise on the subject, embracing an entire system of defence for the whole country. No man better understands the subject; nor could any one do it more justice. He perambulated the whole six thousand miles of our frontiers, classing the fortifications, indicating the existing number, making provision for their progressive increase, stating the different numbers of troops required to garrison them in peace and war, the equipment, expenses, &c. &c. &c. The Bill also provides for steam batteries, &c.

Mr. Preston gave notice, that he should move some amendments, particularly on the appropriation for steam batteries;—and the Senate adjourned.

House. Another day has been desecrated to the debate on Slavery. It was on the adjourned question of order, under Mr. Pinckney's resolutions—the chair deciding that the question of receiving petitions was still left open, notwithstanding the Resolutions; but the House reversed this decision by a vote of about three to one. This agitating subject is once more killed, though it may not be dead. The previous question was called for and put in this

case. When the members pass between the Tellers, in their dull, melancholy mood, two by two, and file off, it always reminds me of a funeral; and it may very properly be termed the funeral of debate, for this process buries it in the silence of the grave! Reis Effendi.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.

Senate. After some little local business, Mr. Preston took the floor on Col. Benton's Fortification Bill, and made a three hours' speech, studiously avoiding all arguments for or against it, and not even noticing the steam batteries (as he promised) but passing an eulogy upon Mr. Calhoun, and a general denunciation against the President and the measures of his administration, particularly for, prodigality of expenditure, and neglect of the defenses of the country. For one, I am left entirely in doubt, with regard to the object and end of his speech, unless it be President-making in general. Mr. Calhoun a few days since expressed the pride he felt, that the administration were now pursuing his system of national defence for which he had been opposed and abused for twenty years. Certainly Mr. P. did not mean to oppose this system, because his colleague had eulogized it. He did not oppose it because it would take too much of the revenue, because he said you could not touch the enormous surplus with these appropriations, though he objected to them because they were ten or twelve millions, which he thought enormous, extravagant, and which it would be impossible to expend. And yet he thought they should not be expended now, because labor was now double its ordinary price, and it would be waiving the public treasure to expend it now. And yet he complained that almost nothing was appropriated for the defence of the Gulf of Mexico (only about \$300,000, as I understood him) a channel through which 'eight tenths,' as he termed it, of the Commerce of the country; and he instanced Maine's having but little commerce and many hundred thousands for defence. Though he said he did not object to any expense of defence where it was necessary, yet he did not point out where it was or was not necessary, except the Gulf. Mr. P. is less a logician than an orator;—he makes you feel, but not think, with him. His feelings are greatly warped by his position; but generally speaking, they are generous, not malignant, or envious. His voice, gesture, person, elocution, fancy, taste and erudition, will always insure him attention from a mixed audience, and admiration from the gynaecium, or ladies' apartment of the gallery; but I must warn him, that he is spoiling the rich, mellow tones of his voice by his pummet-box; it has undergone a material change since I first heard him speak at the Panic Session—or my ear has changed. But to pass on. In alluding to Col. Benton's speech, yesterday, where he referred to the Reports, &c. on fortifications during different administrations, Mr. P. compared the series of expenses to the funeral procession of statues, where that of Brutus was missing, which only called him to mind the more vividly—designating Mr. Calhoun as the Brutus, and insinuating that it might have been done to please Tiberius, the President. When he had finished,

Col. Benton rose, observing he had a remark or two to make; and, speaking in the tone of a chafed lion—not loud, but deep,—said, that a lady once advising a gentleman to quit love, and study mathematics; he advised the Senator to quit his troops of Rhetoric and stick to figures of arithmetic; where he had found only a few hundred thousand for the defence of the Gulf of Mexico, there were upwards of four millions.—He (Col. B.) had lent him his calculations and documents, and he had had them a week; but had neglected to learn what they contained. But again, the Senator had insinuated that the name of a certain Senator, [Calhoun] had been intentionally omitted in his reference, thus imputing a base motive.

Mr. P. immediately rose, and disclaimed, saying that his allusion was unintentional. Col. B. resumed, and proceeded to point out a few more 'errors of fact and opinion'; and Mr. P. took the floor and replied, not in a very hostile manner, till he came to the conclusion, when he said, he joined with the Senator in his hope, that all that had been said of the venerable President would not be believed.

Col. B. said he understood the allusion;—the same had once before been made by a Senator on that floor, four years ago. He had answered it then; the Senator had only copied it now; and he had no objection to any one repeating it, if he would add, that he had advocated the election of the President, supported his administration, and accepted neither office nor reward, with, or without a 'bargain.' Mr. Clay blushed up to the very top of his head, as if he did not understand the allusion! though Col. B. (turning from Mr. P.) had that Senator point black in his eye. I predict that after to-day there will not be quite so much abuse of debate, and latitude of trope, evinced by the opposition, during the remainder of the Senate Session.

House. The New York Relief Bill passed to be engrossed. Reis Effendi.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.

Senate. Mr. Preston's speech, like the history of Rasselas, was 'concluded in which there was no conclusion.' I thought he had finished yesterday. His speech was a Cretan labyrinth without a clue; and when he had led us this maze—not much to our amusement or amusement—and finally got out of them all, I thought he had reached the end. Quite the contrary—it was only a few figures of the quadrille, not the end of the dance. I suppose he 'sion a little like our guide in the Catacombs of Montmartre. 'Have you got to the end?' in-i with Governments as with men, the just rewards

of those who tamely exert their power to preserve peace, restore harmony, and perpetuate good will.

I may be permitted, I trust, at this time, without a suspicion of the most remote desire to throw off censure from the Executive, or to point it to any other Department or branch of the Government, to refer to the want of effective preparation in which our country was found at the late crisis. From the nature of our institutions, the movements of the Government in preparation for hostilities, must ever be too slow for the exigencies of unexpected war. I submit it then to you, whether the first duty we owe to the people who have confided to us their power as always to be so amply supplied with the means of self-defence as to afford no inducements to other nations to presume upon our forbearance, or to expect important advantages from a sudden assault, either upon our commerce, our sea coast, or our interior frontier. In case of the commencement of hostilities during the recess of Congress, the time necessarily elapsing before that body could be called together, even under the most favorable circumstances, would be pregnant with danger, and if we escaped without signal disaster or national dishonor, the hazard of both unnecessarily incurred, could not fail to excite a feeling of deep reproach. I earnestly recommend to you, therefore, to make such provisions that in no future time shall we be found without ample means to repel aggression even although it may come upon us without a note of warning. We are now fortunately so situated that the expenditure for this purpose will not be felt, and if it were, it would be approved by those from whom all its means are derived, and for whose benefit only it should be used with a liberal economy and enlightened forecast.

In behalf of these suggestions I cannot forbear repeating the wise precepts of one whose counsels cannot be forgotten: "The United States ought not to indulge a persuasion that, contrary to the order of human events, they will forever keep at a distance those painful appeals to arms with which the history of every other nation abounds. There is a rank due to the United States among nations which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult we must be able to repel it. If we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war."

But when did I leave Mr. P.? Oh, ay—he was surrounded by an army of partisans; and he thought best not to employ them, because it would raise the rate of wages, though he did not say the laborer was not worthy of his hire, but thought the hire worthy of the laborers. Next he passed on, and over all the fortifications, and passing a salute to each, came nothing about them, moved to reduce the appropriation of \$600,000 to \$100,000, to try experiments upon them. He was for having the means of defence accelerated and augmented, but proposed no specific result himself. He attacked one of the Forts on the Kennebec, moving a reduction of its appropriation; and this, I believe, was the final end of his conclusion.

Mr. Clay instantly rose, and opposed any vote on the motion of Mr. P., saying that it was necessary the Senate should be possessed with all the facts in the case, before they proceeded to take any vote or action on the Bill; and he moved that the documents connected with it be printed.

Col. Benton made some remarks which I could not hear; and

Mr. Shepley rose in reply to Mr. P.'s remarks relative to the State of Maine, which he said was totally defenceless; that he had studiously refrained from stating its defenceless condition, till the late danger was now past; that it could not be protected by a naval force, but only by Fortifications. He went into a full statement of the condition of the coast, and the necessity of its defence, with that lucid, methodical and able manner, which always distinguishes this gentleman.

House. Mr. Pearce of R. I. made a speech to-day against the New York Relief Bill, far beyond my utmost conception of his ability, though I entertained the very highest opinion of it. I know not in what terms to characterize it—it was tremendous! It devastated more completely all the splendid array of arguments in favor of the Bill, than the fire did the City—for it extinguished even the smoke of their ruins. He has not yet concluded, but has the floor to-morrow.

Reis Effendi.

FRENCH RELATIONS.

In Senate, Monday, February, 22, 1836.

The following message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Donelson, his Secretary; which was read.

To the Senate and House of Representatives: I transmit, herewith, to Congress, copies of the correspondence between the Secretary of State, and the Charge d'Affaires of his Britannic Majesty, relative to the mediation of Great Britain in our disagreement with France, and the determination of the French Government to execute the treaty of indemnification, without further delay, on the application for payment by the agent of the United States.

The grounds upon which the mediation was accepted will be found fully developed in the correspondence. On the part of France the mediation had been publicly accepted before the offer of it could be received here. Whilst each of the two Governments has thus discovered a just solicitude to resort to all honorable means of adjusting amicably the controversy between them, it is a matter of congratulation that the mediation has been rendered unnecessary. Under such circumstances the anticipation may be confidently indulged that the disagreement between the United States and France will not have produced more than a temporary estrangement. The healing effects of time, a just consideration of the powerful motives for a cordial good understanding between the two nations, the strong inducements each has to respect and esteem the other, will no doubt soon obliterate from their remembrance all traces of that disagreement.

Of the elevated and disinterested part the Government of Great Britain has acted, and was prepared to act, I have already had occasion to express my high sense. Universal respect and the consciousness of meriting it, are in-i with Governments as with men, the just rewards

of those who tamely exert their power to preserve peace, restore harmony, and perpetuate good will.

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ANDREW JACKSON.

February 22, 1836.

We cannot find room to publish, at length, the correspondence which accompanied this message. The first letter is from Mr. Bankhead, the British Charge, to Mr. Forsyth, expressing the regret of the British Government at the misunderstanding between the United States and France, and proffering the friendly mediation of his government.

The second is Mr. Forsyth's reply, in which he reviews the facts in the case, and after establishing the point that our government can never recognize the right of any foreign power to interfere with the official intercourse between one branch of our government and another, says—

"The United States cannot yield this principle, nor can they do, or consent to, any measure, by which its influence in the action of their political system, can be obstructed or diminished. Under these circumstances, the President feels that he may rely on the intelligence and liberality of his Britannic Majesty's Government, for a correct estimation of the imperative obligations which leave him no power to subject this point to the control of any foreign State, whatever may be his confidence in its justice and impartiality—a confidence which he has taken pleasure in instructing the undersigned to state is fully reposed by him in the Government of his Britannic Majesty."

So great, however, is the desire of the President for the restoration of a good understanding with the Government of France, provided it can be effected on terms compatible with the honor and independence of the United States; that if, after the frank avowal of his sentiments upon the point last referred to, and the explicit reservation of that point, the Government of his Britannic Majesty shall believe that its mediation can be useful in adjusting the differences which exist between the two countries, and in restoring all their relations to a friendly footing, he instructs the undersigned to inform Mr. Bankhead, that in such case, the offer of mediation made in his note, is cheerfully accepted.

The United States desire nothing but equal and exact justice; and they cannot but hope, that the good offices of a third Power, friendly to both parties, and prompted by the elevated considerations, manifested in Mr. Bankhead's note, may promote the attainment of this end."

The third letter is from Mr. Bankhead to Mr. Forsyth which, from its interesting character, we give entire:—

Washington, Feb. 15 1836.

The undersigned, his Britannic Majesty's Charge d'Affaires, with reference to his note of the 27th of last month, has the honor to inform Mr. Forsyth, Secretary of State of the United States, that he has been instructed by his Government to state, that the British Government has received a communication from that of France, which fulfils the wishes that impelled his Britannic Majesty to offer his mediation for the purpose of effecting an amicable adjustment of the difference between France and the United States.

The French Government has stated to that of his Majesty, that the frank and honorable manner in which the President has, in his recent message, expressed himself with regard to the points of difference between the Governments

of France and the United States, has removed those difficulties on the score of national honor, which have hitherto stood in the way of the prompt execution by France of the treaty of the 4th July, 1831, and that, consequently, the French Government is now ready to pay the instalment which is due on account of the American Indemnity, whenever the payment of that instalment shall be claimed by the Government of the United States.

The French Government has also stated, that it made this communication to that of Great Britain, not regarding the British Government as a formal mediator, since its offer of mediation had then reached only the Government of France, by which it had been accepted; but looking upon the British Government as a common friend of the two parties, and, therefore, as a natural channel of communication between them.

The undersigned is further instructed to express the sincere pleasure which is felt by the British Government at the prospect thus afforded of an amicable termination of a difference which has produced a temporary estrangement between two nations who have so many interests in common, and who are so entitled to the friendship and esteem of each other; and the undersigned has also to assure Mr. Forsyth that it has afforded the British Government the most lively satisfaction to have been, upon this occasion, the channel of a communication, which, they trust, will lead to the complete restoration of friendly relations between the United States and France.

The undersigned has great pleasure in renewing to Mr. Forsyth the assurances of his most distinguished consideration.

CHARLES BANKHEAD.

The Hon. JOHN FORSYTH, &c.

The fourth and last is Mr. Forsyth's Reply, in which, after expressing the high satisfaction of the President at the termination of the misunderstanding, he says:—

"Leaving his Majesty's Government to the consciousness of the elevated motives which have governed its conduct, and to the universal respect which must be secured to it, the President is satisfied that on no expressions, however strong, of his own feelings, can be appropriately used, which could add to the gratification afforded to his Majesty's Government at being the channel of communication to preserve peace, and restore good will, between different nations, each of whom is its friend."

The Senate ordered the Message and accompanying documents to lie on the table and be printed.

The House did not sit on Monday.

From the Eastern Argus.

ATLANTA, Friday, Feb. 26.

The small bill 'Act' has been matter of much able and labored discussion for three days this week, and is yet unfinished. It bids fair to consume more time before decisive action can be had.

The speakers thus far, have been Mr. Holmes and Cilly and Mr. Perkins.—Mr. Perkins however should have been placed first, as he broke the first ground, and did the first gun.

Mr. Holmes succeeded in amusing and instructing his fair admirers with numerous stories, told for the ninety-seventh time. The spotted pig frisked about for their amusement, and refused to be counted, being at present a no party pig—and not pledging his pork to any candidate. The philosopher again balanced, and lost balance by sailing in the old lady's tubs between the Edly and stream—very much as politicians sometimes balance between conflicting candidates. The old Lady's new gown came in for a share of excited admiration, with which she was as much delighted as politicians with a new coat.

It would be an amusing spectacle to see one of these many-party no-party politicians in dress composed of all their p-dical hues. Joseph's variegated coat would not stand a comparison—and rainbow would retire blushed behind the edge, within the shelter of the storm could it adorned. A coat of this character would look—my eye—astonish even a French Milliner.—Nullification sleeves—rolled up in approved pugilistic manner—Federal back—National Republican skirts, and whig side pockets. The Buttons might be either twist or lasting—though it is any thing but lasting—a disadornment in politician estimation.—The addition of Madam Catapult, stays, and he would stay fixed for a time. What a uniform for a state's prison convict.

SATURDAY, Feb. 27.

The storm of debate, instead of being stayed, increases—the battle has become general—and as at Trafalgar, every man is expected to do his duty. Mr. Holmes, having no more worlds to conquer, sits 'calm as a summer's morning,' and quite as brilliant, looks upon the confusion of tongues which the building of this paper money Babel has caused. He takes no part in debate now, but loses no opportunity to slip in a Joe Miller joke or an old Robert B. Thomas anecdote.

Mr. Foster commenced in favor of the act, and in strong and glowing colors depicted the present evils—and the danger to be apprehended, from the multiplication of Banks.—He believed that no tongue could tell, that it had not entered into the heart of man to conceive, the evils in preparation for this nation by encouraging, and increasing the paper money system.

Mr. Emery of Saco, followed with a constitutional argument, able—if not satisfactory.—But when he came upon money-value, he tripped. He thought paper better than silver for circulation, because silver was worth more in the market—commanded a premium in Boston—stated that he had himself sold it there for

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Mr. Cilley followed, and thought the admis-
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than paper, was the very reason the people
should possess it. He considered the best
currency best fitted for general circulation.
As the old lady who thought her short cake
could not be too rich for the minister if all sugar
and butter, so Mr. Cilley thought our currency
could not be too good for the people if all silver
and gold.

Mr. Emery regarded our Banks as safe—
perfectly able to meet all demands upon them.
If they could not pay specie on the presenta-
tion of notes, he believed they could in a short
time procure it—this being based, not entirely
on specie, but on property, rendered them se-
cure.

Mr. Foster thought a specie base the only
safe and secure one—other property changed
in value—that had equal and permanent value
Real Estate was every thing to day and might
be nothing to-morrow—specie was the same
yesterday,—to-day,—and through all time. He
believed our currency unable to resist pressure,
or to stand the least shock. I know our people
to be the best people in the world, and for that
reason would give them the best currency which
the art of government could devise. He heard
that Banks were generous when they made mon-
ey in their own pockets by being so—and he al-
so knew, that like Slylock, they would not hesi-
tate to take the pound of flesh when inagin-
ing interest could be gained.

This question still remains, and should remain
open for labored and thorough discussion. It is
one of intense interest to the people of the State
and should not be acted on hastily.

The Banks would, could the people act di-
rectly upon them, soon be thrown on their beam
ends.—They are something like the old Coun-
tryman's dog, clever when good natured, but
when cross, ugly as the devil, and bite like sar-
pents.

Monday Morning, Feb. 29.

Monday, here, as in the domestic world, is
washing day. We do little else than put to
rights whatever may have been deranged the
past week—we have few visitors: some how-
ever, come to gratify a ridiculous curiosity of
catching us in the suds. We are of course
cross, the first day of the Week—scold like
amiable women.

Mr. Bates of St. George, introduced an or-
der, forbidding the Warden of the State's Pris-
on, to be engaged in commercial, or worldly
business, while in the employ of the State.

Mr. Walton, has introduced an order, direct-
ing the Committee on Public Buildings, to in-
quire into the expediency of procuring a fire
(or water) Engine, for the suppression of fire,
with suitable length of Hose, for public State
use—An engine, to prevent firing among the
members—to cool their heated zeal, would be
of equal advantage—and made matter of daily
use.

The committee on the Judiciary to whom
was referred the subject of remunerating per-
sons indicted for alleged offenses and acquit-
—paying them from the Treasury, the expense
incurred in defence—reported legislation in-
expedient.

This report passed the Senate, and was sent
down for concurrence.—Mr. Wilson moved to
non-concur. Mr. Hobbs opposed, believing
that such legislation, though benevolent in in-
tent, would reward the guilty more frequently
than it would do justice to the innocent.

Mr. Holmes considered it a question of some
little nicety—stated that our laws had never re-
munerated those who had been acquitted when
arraigned for supposed criminal offenses.—
That difficulties existed and could not be re-
moved. On the one hand, those truly innocent
might be entitled to remuneration for expense
incurred, and loss of time and imprisonment—
on the other hand, persons against whom strong
and just suspicion existed, nevertheless, cleared
on trial, might take advantage of such act,
and though innocent. He hoped the matter if
continued here, would be referred to a select
committee, as the judiciary committee were un-
able to satisfy themselves of a course other and
better than that adopted.—The motion to non-
concur the Senate prevailed, and the subject
was referred to a select committee.

The Speaker is employed in reading a host
of reports from the judiciary committee, on
subjects on which they have (reported) legisla-
tion inexpedient—such as granting bills of di-
vorce, when man and wife refuse to be one, &
for sake of peace, agree to live on different sides
of the house, the woman taking the inside—her
vested right, and the man the outside, leaving
bed and board—and making of a board his fu-
ture bed.

The resolve which passed the House some
time since, making execution by death for cap-
ital offence, a private, instead of a public spec-
tacle, came down from the Senate having been
refused passage. They ask the House, to con-
cur with their non-concurrence. Mr. Hobbs
moved to lay the matter on the table. Mr. Holmes
afterwards called it, and moved the ap-
pointing a committee of conference.

When the Muhlenberg Convention met on
the 8th January last to nominate candidates for
electors, Mr. Penrose, a member of the Penn-
sylvania Senate was a delegate, and objected
to one of the candidates nominated by the friends
of Gov. Wolf, (Gen. Patterson) because he
was once friendly to the U. S. Bank. Yet so
potent was the gold of the Bank that this same
Mr. Penrose voted for it one month after.

What better evidence do we want of the means
the Bank employed to obtain its charter. This
committee to examine into the bribery, it is true,
strongly contested by both parties.

The plans of the Seminoles have been laid
with great secrecy and sagacity, so that the na-
tion has been able to make its power felt almost
simultaneously at every prominent point of that
large extent of territory, from St. Augustine on
the ocean, around the Capes, and among the
Keys, up to the mouth of the Suwannee, at the
head of the Gulf. The whole force which was
about to move against them is estimated at 6000,
and a bill was before the Legislative Council,
authorizing a levy en masse of the whole arms-
bearing population of the territory. The war is
one of extermination, and the ground will be
strongly contested by both parties.

say, they do not think the Bank has done aught
wrong, (the king can do no wrong) yet they ac-
knowledge that bribes were offered, and no proof
they were refused except in the case of Col.
Krebs. The report of the committee was sim-
ply this, the end justifies the means! The pre-
sents which the *pebble-and-whip party* always
practise upon.—N. H. Patriot.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.
FOR PRESIDENT
MARTIN VAN BUREN, of N. York.
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT
RICHARD M. JOHNSON, of Kentucky.

We are pleased to have the opportunity of grati-
fying our readers with a message from the President to Con-
gress, announcing officially a disposition and an entire
change in the policy of the Government towards the inter-
vention of England, upon the reception of the President's
message to Congress. That message some of the
more abandoned of the opposition presses denounced as
succeeded in persuading France, which they had
and threaten her. It is neither to be disguised nor de-
nied, that there are those among us who have exerted them-
selves to the utmost to keep up the misunderstanding with
France and to prevent the fulfillment of the treaty
by her. There are those who, judging from their con-
duct, would have preferred that the whole debt due to
the United States should have been lost, and the whole country
plunged in war, rather than the present administration
derive any credit from a successful arrangement of the
business. After all these attempts to embarrass matters,
it is really ridiculous to see Mr. Clay come forward and
claim for himself and those who acted with him, the
whole merit of averting war and settling the difficulties.
The complacency of his feelings on this occasion alone
how anxious he had been to bring about such an event.
Upon the reception of the message he vented his spleen
and anger upon the present administration and the Presi-
dent, and was so unkindly of courtesy to even con-
sider as to make a personal attack upon the Vice
President. His speech was such that the more decent
of his own party, say that it was unworthy of him; and
they are evidently ashamed of it. Notwithstanding the alarm
and perplexity that may have been occasioned by our
misunderstanding with France, still they will not have
been without their use. They have served as a touch-
stone to try men's dispositions, and they have pointed
out too plainly for mistake, many among us who traitors
at heart want only an opportunity of being traitors in
fact. The spirit which assembled the Hartford Convention
is not entirely extinct.

BANKS. This is the most interesting topic of discus-
sion in our State Legislature and we may add among
the people at large. The numerous applications for
charters, and the reports of the Committee on Banks
and Banking, all indicate that a strong effort, and per-
haps a successful one will be made to double, at least, the
amount of Banking capital in this State. All the oppo-
sition papers and we believe several Democratic ones
tend to be in favor of the measure. We are told that the in-
terest of the State requires this increase, that it will
multiply the actual amount of Bank bills, nor affect the
relative proportions of specie and paper in circulation—
that it is intended to distribute the banking privilege
more equally, and that the public security will be in-
creased by it. Now we are willing to accord to our
friends who entertain these opinions, honesty and sincerity,
and we claim the same from them while holding views
very different opinions, which we have heretofore ex-
pressed, and which the integrity of the Bankers have not
been able to change. One thing, all must have observed
and who have been in the Legislature or who have close-
ly followed their proceedings, which is that when a ques-
tion touching Banks and Banking comes up, it is not
made a political question, but we find a new division of
the members made, consisting of Bankmen and those
who are opposed to such corporations at large. By in-
creasing the number of Banks, we greatly increase what
may be called the Bank interest, and the influence of
the Bankers in the Legislature, which always does and will
act as a body and we fear will soon become too powerful to
be controlled by the people. Such we do not believe to
be the case now, but the number is so great, and increas-
ing so threaten to do, we shall be Bank rich and the
Bank governed. Let the people and their Representa-
tives look to it in season.

We noticed an article in the Portland Advertiser of
last week addressed to this paper particularly, complain-
ing that we had published an article from a Philadelphia
paper concerning the U. S. Bank of attempting bribery in
order to obtain a charter from the State of Pennsylvania,
and had not published the contradiction of the story.
Our absence for a few days might have served as an ex-
cuse for a much greater offence than the one of which
we were accused, and if we were to go to the aid of the
Advertiser or to any one else, we would inform our
readers that the Committee to whom that subject was
referred in the Legislature of Pennsylvania, reported
that the Bank of the United States was not an agent
for it in the remotest degree, and that the charge made
by Jacob Krebs.

Perhaps as the attempt was unsuccessful the Bank de-
nied the agency.

Is the Advertiser satisfied? If so we will not ask him
to go and do likewise, by disabusing his readers with
respect to many errors of fact and opinion, into which
he may have been led by ignorance or design, because
even his simple sheet would not afford space enough for
it.

A letter from Tallahassee, dated the 6th inst.,
and published in the Albany Argus, gives some
interesting facts in relation to the Florida war.
Gen. Call's force was to proceed the next week
to Tampa, to meet the Louisiana volunteers, and
some United States troops. The General
intended then to strike into the Indian country,
with the view of driving the savages northwardly,
or at least of cutting off their retreat from the
Everglades of South Florida, in the marshy fast-
ness of which the Seminole women and children
are now secured, and in which the warriors
calculate to make a final stand. The Carolina
and Georgia troops, with some of the regular
forces, aided by some armed vessels on the St.
John's River, were to proceed against the nation
enemy from two lines of troops, and bring-
ing the war to a close before the hot weather
sets in. The fighting force of the Seminoles
has heretofore been underrated, and is at least
2500 strong; their head chief is *Africanopy*,
next to whom is *Juniper—Powell*, who has
been supposed to be the principal chief, is a war-
rior of great celebrity.

The plans of the Seminoles have been laid
with great secrecy and sagacity, so that the na-
tion has been able to make its power felt almost
simultaneously at every prominent point of that
large extent of territory, from St. Augustine on
the ocean, around the Capes, and among the
Keys, up to the mouth of the Suwannee, at the
head of the Gulf. The whole force which was
about to move against them is estimated at 6000,
and a bill was before the Legislative Council,
authorizing a levy en masse of the whole arms-
bearing population of the territory. The war is
one of extermination, and the ground will be
strongly contested by both parties.

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GOLD DOLLARS. If the object proposed by
the following resolution which passed the House
of Representatives the other day, should be car-
ried into effect, it would materially aid the friends
of a specie currency in the suppression of small
bills:

Resolved, That a select committee be ap-
pointed to inquire into the expediency of provid-
ing by law for coining gold coins of the denomina-
tion of one, two, three and four dollars, and also
minors as required by the interests of the country
and that the committee have leave to report by
bill or otherwise.

The following gentlemen compose said com-
mittee:
Messrs. Gillet, of New York; Smith, of
Maine; Patton, of Virginia; Connor, of North
Carolina; Johnson, of Louisiana; Holsey, of
Georgia; Ingersoll, of Pennsylvania; French,
of Kentucky; Calhoun, of Massachusetts.

There is," says Poulson's American Adver-
tiser, "a family in Montreal, the father of which
is a Frenchman, the mother a Russian, the eld-
est child a Maltese, the second a Sicilian, the
third a Spaniard, and the fourth a Canadian."
There is evidently some novelty in his family;
but the *White-wing* family is not less remark-
able in this respect. The father is a Federalist,
the mother a Nullifier, the eldest child a Bank-
ite, the second an Anti-Mason, and the third—
illegitimate, we believe—a "No-Party-Party"
dais, a "White Jacksonian." The Hon. John
Bell the reputed father of this latter mongrel.
It is at present sorely afflicted with the rickets.

DIED.

In this city, Feb. 26, John McKinnell, Esq. aged 63 years.
Papers in Portland will please.

To the Hon. Court of County Commissioners next to be
held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford
on the 26th day of October, 1835.

The undersigned respectfully represent that a toll
droseign River, called the "Turner Centre Bridge,"
to facilitate and accommodate the public travel from the
County of Oxford to the County of Kennebec. And
that as yet there is no road located whereby people hav-
ing occasion to travel from said County of Oxford to
Kennebec can pass said Bridge. We therefore pray that
a new County Road may be located and established
commencing in Turner at the western end of said bridge,
thence in the most direct and practicable route so as to
connect with the County Road leading to Paris near
Cushing Mitchell's Store in Turner-Village.

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At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the
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of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

The petition of Lewis Jewell, Executor of the last will
and testament of William Morse, Jr. late of Waterbury,
said deceased, is not sufficient to pay the just debts, which
he owed at the time of his death by the sum of twelve hundred
thirteen dollars and eighty-five cents, and praying for a license
to sell and convey the whole of the real estate of said deceased,
as by a partial sale the residue would be greatly injured.

Ordered,
That the petitioner give notice thereof to the heirs of said de-
ceased and to all persons interested in said estate, by causing a
copy of this order to be published in the Oxford Democrat
printed at Paris, in said County, three weeks successively,
may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said
County, on the second Tuesday of April next, at ten o'clock A. M.
and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said
petition should not be granted.

STEPHEN EMERY, Judge.
Copy, Attest—Joseph G. Cole, Register.

At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the
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The petition of Erving Merrill, Executor of the last will
and testament of Daniel Merrill late of Berwick, in said
County, deceased, representing that the personal estate of said
deceased is not sufficient to pay the just debts, which he owed
at the time of his death by the sum of thirty-eight dollars
and thirty cents, and praying for a license to sell and convey
the whole of the real estate of said deceased as by a partial sale
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The petition of Thomas L. Davis administrator of the
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at the time of his death by the sum of seven hundred thirty
one dollar and four cents and praying for a license to sell and
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ment of said debts and incidental charges, as by a partial sale
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The petition of Nancy Whitcomb administratrix of the
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ty, deceased, representing that the personal estate of said de-
ceased is not sufficient to pay the just debts, which he owed
at the time of his death by the sum of three hundred and six
dollars and twenty cents and praying for a license to sell and
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